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Medical Officers whose services are available.

Ophthalmic Surgeon :
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Mr Wilson Stuart and Mr. Dockrell.

Mental Treatment Specialist :
Dr. N. McDiarmid and the Staff of the Three Counties Mental Hospital.

Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeons :
Mr. Monkhouse at the Peterborough Memorial Hospital.
Dr. H. Craven Veitch at the County Hospital, Huntingdon.

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Dr. Canney is appointed as Consultant in Obstetrics.

TO THE
CHAIRMAN, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE
HUNTINGDONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my twenty-seventh Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the County of Huntingdon for the year 1937, compiled from information obtained by the Staff of the County Health Department, and from various Reports submitted by the Medical Officers of Health of the several Sanitary Authorities within the County. It is arranged in accordance with the memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Health showing the various services under separate headings.

The birth rate is 14.7 as compared with 14.1 in 1936 whilst the death rate is 13.4 as compared with 12.8 in 1936. The Infant Mortality rate is 46.9 as against 45.6 in 1936, whereas for England and Wales it is 58 per thousand.

With regard to Infectious Diseases, unfortunately there were more cases of Diphtheria than usual ; out of the 101 cases notified 60 were in Old Fletton and 38 in Norman Cross. 97 cases were admitted to Hospital and there were 4 deaths. The new accommodation at the Huntingdon Fever Hospital responded to the extra work and coped with it without difficulty. The Scarlet Fever figure is low, viz. 48 as against 123 in 1936, and of these 29 were removed to Hospital ; there were no deaths. 92 cases of Pneumonia were notified and 39 deaths were recorded. The number of deaths is obtained from the figures supplied by the Registrar General and the number of cases by notification to the Local Authorities. One can only conclude that the number of cases notified does not in any sense of the word represent the incidence of disease in the County, for according to the figures supplied from the two sources it would appear that almost half the cases of Pneumonia succumb, which is quite untrue.

The increase in the amount of Diphtheria in the North of the County gave rise to considerable alarm, and a Conference was held at Peterborough on November 23rd, 1937, between the Chairmen and Medical Officers of Health of the City of Peterborough, Old Fletton Urban District Council, Norman Cross Rural District Council, and the County of Huntingdon. A scheme for immunization of persons, particularly children of tender years, against Diphtheria was submitted and an agreement was reached in principle. At a later date Old Fletton and Norman Cross concurred and introduced immunization as part of their Public Health work, but the City of Peterborough was not agreeable. It is rather to be deplored because the North of the County and the City of Peterborough are so intimately associated in every way and it is pretty certain that if Diphtheria is present in one area it will also be present in another. Immunization does not take effect immediately but if properly performed it will protect a person for some years against Diphtheria. It is too soon to state what is the effect of Immunization but up to the present the results appear to be encouraging.

The number of cases of tuberculosis has slightly increased, but too great stress must not be placed on these figures because in a County of such small population variations are inevitable.

The death rate was slightly higher. Cancer is about the same, and 31 persons succumbed to violence.

The ascertainment of Mental Deficiency is proceeding satisfactorily and work in the Three Counties Hospital on Mental Illness is increasing in importance. With the re-organization of the Institution still better results are hoped for in the future.

Under the Midwives Act, 1936, considerable progress was made in the re-organization of the Nursing Associations and in financial assistance for midwifery. That assistance was very considerable and apart from augmenting the salaries of the Midwives to bring them up to a reasonable standard, money was forthcoming for the purchase and upkeep of their cars. It is unfortunate that midwifery has overshadowed general nursing for the Nursing Associations were primarily formed many years ago as voluntary Associations for the nursing of

the sick. Midwifery was at that time in the hands of the "Mrs. Gamp" class of person, and it is only since the beginning of this century that the first Midwives Act gave the practising Midwife an official status. Since then midwifery has been pushed at the expense of general nursing, and the time has now arrived when Nursing Associations should be subsidized for sick nursing. The proportion on which we have to act is on the supposition that the District Nurses devote half their time to midwifery and the other half to general nursing. In order to keep the Associations afloat financially, help has been extended more generously on the midwifery side because there is a grant from the Central Authorities for this service whereas there is no specific grant to the County Council for nursing. It is high time that a grant for nursing be made by the Central Authorities to place general nursing in an equally favourable position. Under section 178 of the Public Health Act, 1936, a County Council may contribute towards the support of any Association for the provision of Nurses, but it would appear that the greater part of this money would have to come out of the rates and not from the Central Authority.

Attendances at the Clinics are increasing and in Huntingdon it was found that the temporary accommodation at the back of Gazeley House was quite inadequate. This was especially the case in the Maternity and Child Welfare and Orthopædic Departments. In the former 40 to 50 mothers and their children attending one session is quite a usual occurrence. The Committee have purchased Castle Hill House, the ground floor of which it is proposed to use as a Clinic ; this accommodation should be more satisfactory.

The Accredited Milk Scheme has been practically stationary during the year. During 1936, 57 licences were issued and in 1937, 56. As has been mentioned before in reports, many farmers have merely turned to milk because they were unable to sell beef profitably. From what one can see there does not appear to be any likelihood of any great increase in the number of Accredited Producers in the future unless circumstances alter very considerably. It would appear to be more reasonable to raise the standard of production all round up to the level of the Accredited Producer by insisting that the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, was carried out to the letter. If Sanitary

Authorities would do this the necessity for regulations relating to Accredited Milk would hardly arise.

Under the Housing Act, 1936, the County Council has very definitely an interest in Rural housing and a default interest in Urban housing. In order to find out how matters stood at the present time, a return was asked for from the District Councils showing their activities up to the end of 1937, a summary of which is attached to the report. There appears to have been some misunderstanding on the part of some of the Authorities as to the filling in of the returns, and the matter will come, in due course, before the appropriate Committee for further consideration.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

C. B. MOSS-BLUNDELL,

County Medical Officer.

October, 1938.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Small Pox. The County Council has taken over the house reserved for Small Pox at Stonely for the use of the whole County. This would not be adequate in the event of an epidemic, nor could any County of the size of Huntingdonshire be expected to maintain an Institution sufficiently large. The only possibly solution is that the various Counties combine to provide an adequate number of beds in one place, relying on the fact that a Small Pox epidemic is not likely to arise in more than one area at the same time.

Tuberculosis. Arrangements with Papworth Colony and other Institutions for Adults.

Non-Pulmonary—Beds have to be secured outside, chiefly at Mansfield Hospital.

Children. Children's Wards at Huntingdon General Hospital, a voluntary Institution.

Orthopædic., Arrangements with Manfield Hospital Northampton and their special Clinic at Peterborough. Clinics at Huntingdon, and St. Ives.

Other. Nil.

No institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Children or Homeless Children.

Ambulance Facilities. The County Council, through the Public Assistance Committee, which was the only Committee of the County Council authorised to maintain an ambulance have an excellent ambulance in Huntingdon suitable for recumbent cases. They also have a large touring saloon suitable for sitting cases. There is also an ambulance available at Wansford. It is owned by Collier's Garage, Telephone Wansford 4, and is available for use upon payment. The Huntingdonshire County Council Ambulance cannot in the ordinary way go outside the County on long journeys in case an

emergency case arose during its absence, but the one at Wansford is available for long distance work. The Brick Company has an ambulance and trained personnel, but this is for the use of their employees and their families.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Maternity and Child Welfare—Voluntary Centres at Fletton, Staughton, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Ramsey, St. Ives and St. Neots. School Clinics—Huntingdon, Old Fletton, Ramsey, St. Ives and St. Neots. Tuberculosis Dispensary—Huntingdon and Fletton. Venereal Disease—Peterborough and Addenbroke's Hospital, Cambridge. There are two Clinics at Fletton—Maternity and Child Welfare Voluntary Clinic, and one held at Council Office, High Street, Old Fletton, provided by the Hunts. County Council. The Clinics at Huntingdon are also provided by the Hunts. County Council.

Infectious Diseases. There are no arrangements for nursing in the homes.

Maternity and Nursing Homes. There are three Institutions registered :—the County Hospital and two Private Nursing Homes supervised ; no other applications have been received for registration. All cases of maternal deaths are investigated.

Legislation in Force. There are no adoptive Acts in force in the County, although one or two sections of the Acts have been adopted.

St. Ives Rural District and Ramsey Urban District Joint Water Schme.

The Committee have considered the completed scheme submitted by the St. Ives Rural District Council for the supply of water to the parishes of Bluntisham-cum-Earith, Broughton, Bury, Colne, Holywell-cum-Needingworth, Oldhurst, Pidley-cum-Fenton, Somersham, Warboys, Wistow and Woodhurst. This is a joint scheme which will also supply the Urban District of Ramsey.

It is estimated that the proportion of the cost of the scheme which will have to be borne by the St. Ives Rural District Council will be £38,600 10s. 10d., less a grant from the Ministry of Health of £6000.

In pursuance of the Council's arrangements for assisting water supply in rural districts, the Committee recommend the Council to express their willingness to implement the undertaking already given to the Rural District Council and to make a grant of 25 per cent of the loan charges on the capital expenditure, after deducting the Ministry's grant. This grant will be subject to the conditions that the Rural District Council make a grant not less than that now offered by the County Council and to a Certificate by the County Surveyor that the work has been satisfactorily completed.

Other Sanitary Conditions.

Schools. The water supply of schools is similar to that of the area in which they are situate. The Report of the Health of the scholars is included in the Report to the Education Committee of the School Medical Officer. Prevention of spread of Infectious Disease is in keeping with the Board of Education's Memoranda.

Health Education. Certain pamphlets are issued with regard to Infectious Diseases such as whooping Cough, Measles, etc., and the Medical Officers from time to time talk on matters of health at the meetings of the Women's Institutes.

Rag Flock Acts. Not applicable to this County.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food. There is no laboratory for the examination of food in the County, but samples are analysed at Cambridge and Peterborough.

No special investigation of Cancer has been conducted.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925. No action taken.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62. No action taken.

POPULATION.

The figures for deaths, births and population have been supplied by the Registrar General and are those on which this Report must be framed, and are as follows : —

Urban Districts	26,300
Rural Districts	30,080
Administrative County	56,380

BIRTH-RATE

The total number of births registered was 831 with a birth-rate of 14.7 compared with 14.1 in 1936 and 14.9 in 1935.

The number of legitimate and illegitimate births and deaths is shewn in the table appended.

DISTRICTS.	NETT BIRTHS.		NETT DEATHS.	
	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Legitimate	Illegitimate
Urban—				
Godmanchester	33	3	—	—
Huntingdon	66	6	—	—
Old Fletton	119	7	12	—
Ramsey	82	7	6	1
St. Ives	33	3	—	—
St. Neots	48	2	1	—
	381	28	19	1
Rural—				
Huntingdon	85	4	3	--
St. Ives	130	7	8	2
St. Neots	76	4	1	—
Norman Cross	111	5	5	—
	402	20	17	2
Total of whole County	783	48	36	3

The ratio of illegitimate to total births is 61.3 per 1000. In 1936 the ratio was 42.3 and in 1914 was 53 per 1000.

	Total.	M.	F.	
Births—Legitimate	783	392	391	Birth-Rate 14.7
Illegitimate	48	22	26	

		M.	F.	
Deaths—	756	391	365	Death-Rate 13.4

Number of women dying in, or consequence of child-birth—

From sepsis ..... From other causes 2

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1000 births—

Legitimate 45.9. Illegitimate 62.5. Total 46.9.

Number of Still births in the year—Males ..... 21 } Total 32
Females ..... 11 }

Deaths from Measles (all ages) —

Deaths from Whooping Cough 2

Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 4

DEATH-RATE.

There were 756 deaths altogether registered belonging to the County. This number included those deaths which took place outside the County, and excludes "non-resident" *i.e.*, those which took place in the County of persons not belonging to the District.

The death-rate was 13.4 per 1000 as against 12.8 for 1936.

In the Urban Districts 344 deaths were registered with a death-rate of 13.0 per 1000, and in the Rural Districts 412 deaths were registered making a death-rate of 13.6 per 1000.

The principal causes of death are shown in Table III.

The following Table shows a comparison of the County with the rest of England and Wales : —

	Estimated Population	Birthrate	Deathrate	Infants Mortality
Huntingdonshire	56380	14.7	13.4	46.9
England and Wales		14.9	12.4	58.0

The Infant Mortality Rate means the number of children who die under the age of one year in proportion to one thousand births.

In 1937 there were 39 infants deaths and in 1936 the number was 36 making a rate of infant mortality per 1000 births 46.9 as against 45.6 in 1936.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Details are found in Tables II and IIa.

101 cases of Diphtheria as against 56 cases in 1936.

Scarlet Fever.—48 cases against 123 in 1936.

Pneumonia.—There were 92 notified cases in the whole County as against 108 notified in 1936.

ADMINISTRATION OF PART 1 OF THE CHILDREN ACT, 1908.

No. of persons receiving children for reward on the Register at end of the year 29

No. of children on the Register at the end of the year 49

No. of visits to homes by Health Visitors 166

MIDWIVES ACT.

During the year 1937 the inspection was continued by the County Medical Officer of Health and County Superintendent.

Thirty-seven midwives notified their intention to practice in the area during the year, thirty-four being still in practice at the end of the year.

Thirty-five midwives worked in connection with the Nursing Associations, two were in private practice and two were midwives in the Public Assistance Institutions.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

One hundred and forty-three Maternity and Child Welfare notices were received from midwives under the Regulations of the Central Midwives Board, as having sent for medical help.

The following is a summary of other notifications received from midwives : —

Laying out dead body	4
Notice of death of mother or child	—
Artificial feeding	9
Liability to be a source of infection	7
Stillbirths	4

Five cases of Puerperal Pyrexia were notified and four of Puerperal Fever. One case of Puerperal Pyrexia was admitted to Hospital and also two patients suffering from Puerperal Fever.

The sum of £169 5s. 6d. was incurred in respect of fees to medical practitioners summoned to the aid of midwives in necessitous cases.

The sum of £92 1s. 6d. was incurred in respect of fees to medical practitioners for making Ante-Natal Examinations, and the sum of £46 8s. 6d. for Post-Natal Examinations.

Number of Visits paid during year by all Health Visitors : —

To expectant mothers	1st Visits.....	677
	Total Visits	3751
To children under 1 year	1st Visits.....	684
	Total Visits	5517
To children between the ages of 1—5 years	Total Visits	8423

VACCINATION.

Year ended December 31st, 1937.

	Total.
Successful Vaccination	187
Certificate of Insusceptibility	0
Statutory Declarations of Conscientious Objection	569
Died Un-vaccinated	29
Postponed by Medical Certificate	3
Removed	15
Not found : in abeyance	4

VENEREAL DISEASES.

The following table shows the details of the Hunts. cases treated for Venereal Diseases at the Clinics at Bedford, Cambridge and Peterborough : —

	Total New Cases attending for Consultation	New Cases of Syphilis	New Cases of Soft Chancre	New Cases of Gonorrhoea	Non-Venereal Conditions	Total Out-Patients Attendances	Total In-Patient Days
Cambridge Clinic	.....	—	—	7	3	226	24
Peterborough Clinic	.....	8	—	7	25	1022	—
Bedford Clinic	.....	—	—	2	—	15	—

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATIONS existing in 1937.

Fletton and District, Huntingdon and District, St. Ives and District, St. Neots and District, Great Gransden and District, Somersham and District, Elton and District, Hemingford Grey and Abbots, Houghton and District, Sawtry and District, Stibbington and District, Great Staughton and Perry, Ramsey and District, Warboys and District, Buckden and District, Brampton and District, Yaxley and District, Bluntisham, Mid-Hunts., South Hunts., North Hunts. Nursing Association, and Wistow Nursing Association.

The Hon. Secretary, County Nursing Association reports as follows :

Scheme to Comply with Midwives' Act, 1936.

The Scheme formed at the beginning of the year to comply with the Midwives' Act, 1936 has on the whole, thanks to the co-operation of the District Associations worked very well. Nurses have taken their Post Graduate courses, one each month, and it is felt that they have derived benefit and pleasure from these courses.

A second Relief Nurse will be engaged as soon as possible to relieve during holidays, and to help in certain districts which are overworked.

The first Relief nurse has been entirely occupied in relieving nurses taking Post Graduate Courses, and it is felt that a second nurse will ease the pressure, and enable us to maintain an efficient Nursing Service throughout the County.

Cars.

We have overspent our County Council grant of £700 by a considerable amount as several new cars were needed during the year. In addition to the car for the Relief nurse, two districts previously worked by nurses on bicycles have had to have cars.

Telephones.

Each nurse now has a telephone. A grant to meet the cost of this service is also given by the County Council.

Equipment.

A good deal of time and thought has been given to the question of Equipment and each nurse has been supplied with a special Midwifery outfit. We also have a scheme whereby the expectant mother can purchase a complete outfit for her use for the sum of 5/-. We wish to stress the importance to the mother of a clean and sterile outfit, and to point out that the cost is extremely low.

County Superintendent's Report.

Total No. of Affiliated Associations	21
Total No. of Nurses	27
Queen's Nurses	4
Other Nurses also S.R.N.	5
Village Nurse Midwives	17
Nurses not Midwives	1
No. of Cases Nursed during the Year	3132
Midwifery	317
Maternity	397
Surgical	868
Medical	1550
No. of Nursing visits paid	47315
No. of casual visits	6019
No. of deaths	171
Maternity and Child Welfare—	
Ante-natal	4210
First year of life	5820
From 1—5 years	8825
Summary of County Superintendent's Work—	
Routine Inspection of Nurses	64
Other visits to Nurses	101
Attendances at Committee Meetings, etc.	39
Interviews and visits to Hon. Secretaries, etc.	66
Letters and Post Cards	1159

HUNTINGDONSHIRE COUNTY NURSING ASSOCIATION.

It has been found necessary to standardize all the Annual Subscriptions throughout the County to the figure of Six Shillings a year, as this is the lowest subscription on which it is possible to maintain a Nursing Association. After April 1st, 1937, this will be the standard Subscription for the whole County.

It has also been found necessary to fix the standard fee for confinements, which after 1st April, 1937, will be as follows : —

MEMBERS (who have been Subscribers to the Nursing Association for not less than twelve calendar months and whose subscription is fully paid up)—

	£	s.	d.
For the Services of the Nurse as a Midwife *i.e.,* when the Doctor is not in attendance	1	0	0
For the Services of the Nurse as a Maternity Nurse		15	0

NON-MEMBERS—

Midwifery	2	0	0
Maternity	1	10	0

Exceptional cases, for example, expectant mothers who have recently come into the District, will be treated on their merits.

Whilst these fees are the standard fees and no cases may be attended for less nor be compelled to pay more, it is hoped that those who are in a position to pay a higher fee will do so.

FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.

TABLE OF ARTICLES SAMPLED DURING THE YEAR 1937.

Name or description of Article	Number of Samples taken.			No. of Samples of each Article regarded as Adulterated, below standard, or otherwise not complying with prescribed requirements.		
	Formally	Informally	Total	Formally	Informally	Total
Milk	86	11	97	9	3	12
Biscuits	6	1	7	—	—	—
Sweets	2	4	6	—	—	—
Cream	1	4	5	—	—	—
Pepper	2	3	5	—	—	—
Tinned Fruits	5	—	5	—	—	—
Vinegar	—	4	4	—	1	1
Butter	3	1	4	—	—	—
Fruit Preserves	2	1	3	—	—	—
Gelatine	—	3	3	—	—	—
Tea	2	—	2	—	—	—
Cheese	2	—	2	—	—	—
Ice Cream	2	—	2	—	—	—
Beverage	2	—	2	—	—	—
Crushed Linseed	—	2	2	—	—	—
Lemonade Powder	2	—	2	—	—	—
Ground Rice	1	1	2	—	1	1
Flour	—	2	2	—	—	—
Ginger	2	—	2	—	—	—
Suet	—	2	2	—	—	—
Lard	—	2	2	—	—	—
Icing Sugar	1	—	1	—	—	—
Honey	—	1	1	—	—	—
Sausages	1	—	1	—	—	—

Name or description of Aritcle	Number of Samples taken.			No. of Samples of each Article regarded as adulterated, below standard, or otherwise not complying with prescribed requirements.		
	Formally	Informally	Total	Formally	Informally	Total
Condensed Milk	—	1	1	—	—	—
Mayonnaise	1	—	1	—	—	—
Glace Cherries	—	1	1	—	—	—
Cocoa	—	1	1	—	—	—
Barley Sugar	1	—	1	—	—	—
Gravy Colouring	1	—	1	—	—	—
Mustard	—	1	1	—	—	—
Potted Meat	1	—	1	—	—	—
Dripping	1	—	1	—	—	—
Glauber Salts	—	1	1	—	—	—
Aspirin Tablets	—	1	1	—	—	—
Epsom Salts	—	1	1	—	—	—
Seidlitz Powders	—	1	1	—	—	—
Turpentine	—	1	1	—	—	—
Medicinal Paraffin	1	—	1	—	—	—
Olive Oil	—	1	1	—	—	—
White Vinegar	—	1	1	—	—	—
	128	53	181	9	5	14

ADULTERATED SAMPLES, Etc.

Number and Quarter	Name or Description of Article examined	Taken formally or informally	Nature of the Adulteration or Irregularity.	Observations.
A.8.	Table Vinegar	Informal	Deficient in solids and mineral matter	—
B.5.	Milk	Formal	37.66% deficient in fat	Cautioned.
8.	Milk	,,	21.66% deficient in fat	—
9.	Milk (A.C.)	,,	16.33% deficient in fat	—
10.	Milk (A.C.)	,,	9.66% deficient in fat	—
27.	Milk	,,	5.33% deficient in fat	Cautioned.
C.10.	Milk	,,	8.33% deficient in fat	Cautioned.
13.	Milk	,,	3.33% deficient in fat	do.
14.	Milk	Informal	16.66% deficient in fat	—
15.	Milk	,,	6.66% deficient in fat	
36.	Milk	Formal	12.66% deficient in fat	Cautioned.
41.	Milk (A.C.)	,,	3.0 % deficient in fat	—
D.35.	Milk	Informal	10.0 % deficient in fat	
49.	Ground Rice	,,	Contained 20% maize starch	—

A.C.—Appeal to Cow Sample.

I would bring to your notice the improvement in the quality of milk sold to County purchasers.

	No. of Samples taken.		No. of Samples adulterated or otherwise irregular.	
	Formally	Informally.	Formally.	Informally.
1934	65	1	11	1
1935	99	4	28	—
1936	104	7	29	—
1937	86	11	9	3

Public Health (Condensed Milk and Dried Milk) Regulations.

One sample of Condensed Machine-skimmed Milk was obtained and it complied with the Regulations.

Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations.

Most of the samples obtained were of articles of food to which the addition of preservatives is either prohibited or restricted, and all samples were favourably reported upon.

ACCREDITED MILK.

Reluctance of producers to apply for a licence is due to several causes, the principal ones being the uncertainty of the future of the Milk Market, and the difficulties encountered by farmers who rent farms to induce their landlords to alter their premises to render them reasonably suitable for the production of clean milk. As has been pointed out before, many of the sheds were not intended for the production of milk but for the housing of cattle to be used for beef. The method by which milk is graded bacteriologically may have something to do with their reluctance, and the following table shows month by month the results of the bacteriological examinations of the milk of Accredited Producers.

1937	*Number of samples passed*	*Failed.*
January	5	3
February	4	3
March	53	5
April	1	—
May	11	16
June	38	29
July	5	7
August	—	1
September	43	19
October	15	—
November	1	—
December	47	3

Accredited Producers, Year 1937.

Total number of applications	58
Number of licences issued	56
Total number of specimens for bacteriological examination	309
Registered Cowkeepers	419

BLIND.

Register. On March 31st, 1938 there were 125 cases on the Register, an increase of 5 on last years figures : —

Ages	Males	Females	Total
0— 5	1	—	1
5—16	1	2	3
16—21	1	—	1
21—50	11	8	19
50—70	30	25	55
over 70	18	28	46
	62	63	125

During the year the following changes have occurred : —

Deceased	12	
Left the County	2	
	—	Decrease 14

New Cases	17		
New Cases from other areas	1		
Transferred from Observation	1		
	—	Increase	19

Prevention of Blindness. It is gratifying to note that during the last two years only one case from Observation List of 50 has been transferred to the Register. During the year there have been outstanding instances where immediate advice and treatment have prevented loss of sight.

School and Training. The four children at the East Anglian School, Gorleston, are doing well. A visit to this School is well worth while : it is possible that you might partake of a meal prepared and cooked by blind girls, in the Homecraft section.

Miss Mary Bonham, recently a pupil at Chorley Wood College, and the Maria Grey Training College, London, was appointed headmistress at the School for Blind Children, Rhyl, in December last. She has everyones' good wishes for success in this appointment after many years of hard work as a blind student.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES.				Vision unimpaired	Vision impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths	Total.
Year.	Notified	Treated. At Home	Treated. In Hospital					
1933	4	3	1	4	—	—	—	4
1934	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
1935	6	6	—	6	—	—	—	6
1936	3	2	1	3	—	—	—	3
1937	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1

MENTAL DEFICIENCY.

Particulars of Mental Defectives as on 1st January, 1937 : — Number of Mental Defectives ascertained to be "subject to be dealt with" : —

	M.	F.	T.
In Institutions (exclude cases on Licence)—			
Under 16 years of age	4	—	4
Aged 16 years and over	10	10	20
On Licence from Institution—			
Under 16 years of age	—	2	2
Aged 16 years and over	—	—	—
Under Guardianship (exclude cases on Licence)—			
Under 16 years of age	2	4	6
Aged 16 years and over	—	1	1
Under Statutory Supervision	15	15	30
Mental Defectives in receipt of Poor Relief—			
In Public Assistance Institutions and Municipal General Hospitals not approved under Sec. 37	8	2	10
Domiciliary	6	9	15
Reported to the Local Authority from any reliable source and recognized by them as mentally defective but as to whom no action under the Mental Deficiency Acts has been taken : —			
Children between the ages of 14 and 16 years	1	—	1
All other cases	—	1	1
Number of instances in which Licence was granted in 1937 : —			
From Institutions	—	3	3

Number of instances in which cases on Licence have returned to Institutions or transferred to Guardianship during the year 1937—			
To Institutions	—	1	1
Cases notified by Local Education Authorities during the year 1937—			
Method of disposal—			
Sent to Institutions (by Order)			
Placed under Guardianship (do.)	2	—	2
Placed under Statutory Supervision	3	2	5
Died or Removed from Area	1	1	2

MENTAL TREATMENT.

PATIENTS FROM HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

Admitted to Three Counties Hospital, from January 1st to December 31st, 1937.

Total number of patients admitted, 36. 13 *Males.* 23 *Females.*

	Recovered	Improved	Transferred to other Hospital	Not improved	Died
	7	3	3	12	11
Males	—	2	1	7	3
Females	7	1	2	5	8

TABLE I.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1937.

URBAN DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Estimate "Civil" Population.	Births Nett.		Nett Deaths. Belonging to the District			
				Under 1 year of Age.		At all Ages.	
		No.	Rate.	No.	Rate per 1000 Nett Births.	No.	Rate
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
Godmanchester	2025	36	17.7	—	—	35	17.2
Huntingdon	4669	72	15.4	—	—	53	11.3
Old Fletton	7726	126	16.3	12	95.2	94	12.1
Ramsey	5135	89	17.3	7	78.6	66	12.8
St. Ives	2635	36	13.6	—	—	33	12.5
St. Neots	4110	50	12.1	1	20.0	63	15.3
Totals	26300	409	15.5	20	48.9	344	13.0

RURAL DISTRICTS.

Huntingdon	6939	89	12.8	3	33.7	90	12.9
St. Ives	9614	137	14.3	10	73.0	152	15.8
St. Neots.	6499	80	12.4	1	12.5	88	13.5
Norman Cross	7028	116	16.5	5	43.1	82	11.5
Totals	30080	422	14.0	19	45.0	412	13.6

TOTALS FOR THE COUNTY.

Whole County	56380	831	14.7	39	46.9	756	13 4

TABLE II.

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during the Year 1937.

URBAN DISTRICTS.

Notifiable Diseases.	Total Cases Notified in each Locality							Number of cases Removed to Hospital from each District					
	At all Ages.	Godmanchester	Huntingdon	Old Fletton	Ramsey	St. Ives	St. Neots	Godmanchester	Huntingdon	Old Fletton	Ramsey	St. Ives	St. Neots
Diphtheria	65	—	1	60	4	—	—	—	1	60	2	—	—
Erysipelas	12	3	4	1	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	2	—
Scarlet Fever	33	1	11	6	7	5	3	—	9	—	3	5	3
Puerperal Fever	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	55	10	11	9	14	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	169	15	28	76	26	9	15	—	11	60	6	7	3

RURAL DISTRICTS.

Notifiable Diseases.	Total Cases Notified in each Locality.					Number of Cases Removed to Hospital from each District.			
	At all Ages	Huntingdon	St. Ives	St. Neots	Norman Cross	Huntingdon	St. Ives	St. Neots	Norman Cross
Diphtheria	36	2	2	4	28	2	2	4	26
Erysipelas	6	4	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever.....	15	2	5	5	3	2	5	2	—
Puerperal Fever	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—
Pneumonia	37	13	11	6	7	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	101	23	21	16	41	5	8	6	26

TABLE IIA.

Diseases.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	101	97	4
Erysipelas	18	4	—
Scarlet Fever	48	29	—
Puerperal Fever	4	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	1	—
Pneumonia	92	—	39
Enteric Fever	2		
TOTALS	170	133	44

TABLE III.

URBAN DISTRICTS.

Causes of and Ages at Death during the Year 1937.

Causes of Death.	Sex	Deaths in or belonging to whole Districts at subjoined ages.												Deaths in or belonging to Localities all ages.					
		All Ages	0—	1—	2—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—	Godmanchester.	Huntingdon.	Old Fletton	Ramsey	St. Ives.	St. Neots.
All Causes	M	168	9	—	5	3	4	7	9	16	28	50	37	20	26	49	27	17	29
	F	176	11	3	1	4	2	4	11	18	21	29	72	15	27	45	39	16	34
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Measles	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 Scarlet Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Whooping Cough	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
5 Diphtheria	M	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
6 Influenza	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	1
	F	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	—	1	3
7 Encephalitis Lethargica	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 Cerebro Spinal Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	8	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	.....	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
	F	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	—
10 Other Tuberculous Diseases	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
11 Syphilis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
12 General Paralysis of the Insane Tabes Dorsalis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13 Cancer, Malignant Disease	M	21	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	7	8	5	5	4	5	4	2	1
	F	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	7	5	8	4	6	6	6	2	3
14 Diabetes	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—

15 Cerebral	M	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	—	—	—
Haemorrhage, etc.	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	4	2	1	1	1	—	3
16 Heart Disease	M	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	5	19	8	3	7	10	9	6	4
	F	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4	9	22	4	2	9	11	6	7
17 Aneurysm	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 Other Circulatory	M	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	9	1	1	2	2	4	3
Diseases	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	1	2	4	—	1	1
19 Bronchitis	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	1
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	1	2	—	—	3
20 Pneumonia (all forms)	M	8	3	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	3	1	—	3
	F	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	4	—	1	2	2	2	1
21 Other Respiratory	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22 Peptic Ulcer	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
23 Diarrhoea, etc.	M	4	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
24 Appendicitis	M	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
25 Cirrhosis of Liver	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
26 Other Diseases of	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Liver, etc.	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
27 Other Digestive	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	1	1	2	—	1	2
Diseases	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2
28 Acute and chronic	M	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1
Nephritis	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—
29 Peurperal Sepsis		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30 Other Puerperal		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Causes.....	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
31 Congenital Debility,	M	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Premature Birth,	F	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	—	—
Malformation, etc.																			
32 Senility	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	—	2	1	—	5
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	1	2	—	1	—	5
33 Suicide	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1
	F	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1
34 Other Violence	M	11	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	1	3	1	2	1	1	5	1	1	2
	F	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	2	1	1	1	—
35 Other Defined	M	14	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	4	1	3	2	—	4	3	3	2	2
Diseases	F	16	—	—	—	2	1	1	1	2	2	4	3	2	2	5	3	2	2
36 Causes ill defined or	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Unknown	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—

TABLE III.
RURAL DISTRICTS.

Causes of and Ages at Death during the Year 1937.

Causes of Death.	Sex	All Ages	Deaths in or belonging to whole Districts at subjoined ages. 0—	1—	2—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—	Deaths in or belonging to Localities all ages Huntingdon.	St. Ives.	St. Neots.	Norman Cross
All Causes	M	223	14	3	—	4	6	5	10	12	39	64	66	52	77	53	41
	F	189	5	—	1	3	4	5	9	13	24	48	77	38	75	35	41
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Measles	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 Scarlet Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Whooping Cough	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 Diphtheria	M	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
6 Influenza	M	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	2	2	1
	F	7	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	2	2	2	2	1
7 Encephalitis Lethargica	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 Cerebro Spinal Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
9 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	9	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	1	2	—	—	4	2	2	1
	F	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	2
10 Other Tuberculous Diseases	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
	F	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
11 Syphilis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12 General Paralysis of the Insane Tabes Dorsalis	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13 Cancer, Malignant Disease	M	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	19	6	6	15	9	4
	F	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	7	6	6	6	11	1	6
14 Diabetes	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	2	2	—

15 Cerebral	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	3	—	—
Haemorrhage, etc.	F	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	7	3	6	4	2
16 Heart Disease	M	51	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	10	16	23	12	13	13	13
	F	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	11	21	8	17	5	9
17 Aneurysm	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 Other Circulatory	M	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	10	3	5	4	2
Diseases	F	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	5	10	4	7	5	2
19 Bronchitis	M	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	1	3	4	—
	F	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	—	3	3	1
20 Pneumonia (all forms)	M	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	2	2	3	3	1
	F	14	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	5	3	2	5	1	6
21 Other Respiratory	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	2	1	—
Diseases	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—
22 Peptic Ulcer	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	1	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
23 Diarrhoea, etc.	M	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
24 Appendicitis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
25 Cirrhosis of Liver	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Other Diseases of	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liver, etc.	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27 Other Digestive	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	3	2	—	1
Diseases	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1
28 Acute and chronic	M	10	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	3	3	2	6	1	1
Nephritis	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	1	3	—	1
29 Peurperal Sepsis	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
30 Other Puerperal Diseases	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
31 Congenital Debility,																	
Premature Birth,	M	10	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	1	2
Malformation, etc.	F	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
32 Senility	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	1	—
	F	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	12	3	6	1	3
33 Suicide	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	2	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34 Other Violence	M	14	—	—	—	1	5	1	2	—	3	2	—	4	1	3	6
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
35 Other Defined	M	21	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	7	5	5	10	4	2
Diseases	F	18	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	3	4	6	4	3	6	5
36 Causes ill defined or	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	2	—
Unknown	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—

TABLE III.
WHOLE COUNTY.
Causes of and Ages at Death during the Year 1937.

Causes of Death.	Sex	All Ages	0—	1—	2—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—
All Causes	M	391	23	3	5	7	10	12	19	28	67	114	103
	F	365	16	3	2	7	6	9	20	31	45	77	149
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Measles	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 Scarlet Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Whooping Cough	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 Diphtheria	M	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6 Influenza	M	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	1	2
	F	14	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	5	4
7 Encephalitis Lethargica	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 Cerebro Spinal Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
9 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	17	—	—	—	—	2	4	5	1	3	1	1
	F	10	1	—	—	—	2	—	4	2	1	—	—
10 Other Tuberculous Diseases	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
	F	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
11 Syphilis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
12 General Paralysis of the Insane Tabes Dorsalis	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
13 Cancer, Malignant Disease	M	55	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	13	27	11
	F	51	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	8	14	11	14
14 Diabetes	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	2
	F	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	2
15 Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc	M	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	4
	F	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	8	11

16 Heart Disease	M	90	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	15	35	31
	F	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	8	20	43
17 Aneurysm	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 Other Circulatory Diseases	M	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	19
	F	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	18
19 Bronchitis	M	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	4
	F	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	16
20 Pneumonia (all forms)	M	17	4	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	5	3	2
	F	22	2	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	6	7
21 Other Respiratory Diseases	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
22 Peptic Ulcer	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	3	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
23 Diarrhoea, etc.	M	7	2	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—
	F	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—
24 Appendicitis	M	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—
	F	4	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
25 Cirrhosis of L ver	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
26 Other Diseases of Liver etc.	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
27 Other Digestive Diseases	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	5	1
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
28 Acute and chronic Nephritis	M	13	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	2	4	3
	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2	1
29 Peurperal Sepsis	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
30 Other Puerperal Diseases	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—
31 Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformation, etc.	M	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	10	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32 Senility	M	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	9
	F	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	21
33 Suicide	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	1	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
34 Other Violence	M	25	—	—	1	2	5	3	2	1	6	3	2
	F	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3
35 Other Defined Diseases	M	35	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	8	5	10	7
	F	34	—	—	1	3	2	2	1	3	5	8	9
36 Causes ill defined or Unknown	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3

TABLE IV.

INFANT MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1937.

NETT DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

DISTRICTS.	All Causes	Small-pox	Chicken-pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria and Croup	Whooping Cough	Diarrhoea	Enteritis	Tuberculous Mengingitis	Abdominal Tuberculosis	Other Tuberculous Diseases	Congenital Malformation	Premature Birth	Atrophy Debility and Marasmus	Atelectasis	Injury at Birth	Erysipelas	Syphilis	Rickets	Meningitis (not tuberculous)	Convulsions	Violence	Laryngitis	Bronchitis	Pneumonia, all forms	Suffocation, Overlaying	Inanition	Spina Bifida	Other Causes.
Godmanchester	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Huntingdon Urban	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Old Fletton	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Ramsey	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Ives Urban	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
St. Neots	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total, Urban Districts Registrar General's Return	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	4
Huntingdon Rural	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
St. Ives Rural	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
St. Neots Rural	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norman Cross	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Total, Rural Districts Registrar General's Return	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Whole County	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	13

Net Births in the year — Legitimate 783
— Illegitimate 48
— Still-births 32

Nett Deaths in the year — Legitimate 36
— Illegitimate 3

In several cases no accurate reports were available and the Registrar General'sReturn is quoted in the totals

HOUSING.

HOUSING ACTS, 1925—36.—Provisions corresponding to the following sections in the Housing Act, 1936.
Return of Houses dealth with.

Local Sanitary Authority.	Section 11 Demolition of Insanitary Houses Orders	Section 11 Houses Demolished	Section 51 Houses Reconditioned	Section 25 Clearence Areas Orders	Section 25 Houses affected	Houses Constructed	Population 1937	Population 1911
Huntingdon Borough	71	48	162	—	—	142	4644	4003
Godmanchester Borough	8	4	—	—	—	66	2027	2133
St. Ives Borough	—	—	—	26	106	145	2633	3015
St. Neots Urban	105	22	4	—	—	170	4180	4171
Ramsey Urban	113	22	—	—	—	258	5118	5328
Old Fletton Urban	—	—	—	—	—	476	7608	5005
Huntingdon Rural	30	10	84	—	—	134	6739	7801
St. Ives Rural	23	23	3	53	190	384	9196	9701
St. Neots Rural	68	15	29	—	—	154	6554	7227
Norman Cross Rural	17	2	—	—	—	81	6801	7199

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

L.G.B. Genl. Order 13th Dec. 1910, Art. XX., 15	No. of inspections	3896
	Notices served	528
Complaints	No. received	160
Premises, Houses, etc.	No inspected	2641
	Nuisances abated	286
Pool, Ditch, Gutter and Watercourse	No. inspected	100
	Nuisances abated	66
Animals improperly kept	Nuisances abated	4
Privy, Urinal, Cesspool and Ashpit	No. inspected	396
	Nuisances abated	80
Drains, Drain-traps, etc.	No. inspected	527
	Nuisances abated	177
Offensive Accumulations	No. inspected	16
	Nuisances abated	14
Other Sanitary Conditions	No. inspected	14
	Nuisances abated	6
Lodging Houses	No. inspections	22
Slaughter Houses	No of inspections	269
Dairymen, Cowkeepers (milksellers)	No. inspections of premises	626
Dairymen, Cowkeepers (Butter & Chees Makers)	No. inspections of premises	121
Infectious Diseases	No. of inspection	88
Pail and Earth Closets	New provided	53
Water Closets	New provided	71
Ashbins	New provided	44
Food, Seizures of Unwholesome	No. of	15 lb. of tinned Ham.
Workshops	Total Number on Register (including Bakehouse)	289
Houses or part thereof overcrowded		46
	Nuisances abated	3

Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930.

Summary of Notifications during the period from the 1st January, 1937, to 31st December, 1937 in the County of Huntingdon.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1
10	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
20	4	4	—	1	—	—	—	—
25	6	4	2	—	4	—	—	1
35	2	3	—	—	5	4	1	1
45	1	3	—	—	1	2	1	—
55	3	1	—	—	3	1	—	—
65 and upwards	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
	20	16	6	4	17	10	2	3

New Cases :

Total Pulmonary 36. Non-Pulmonary 10.

Deaths :

Pulmonary 27. Non-Pulmonary 5.

During the year there were thirty-two deaths from Tuberculosis as against twenty-seven in 1936. If a case is examined at the Clinic and X-Rayed, a written report is always sent to the Doctor who is attending the case.

TABLE I.

Tuberculosis Scheme of the Hunts. County Council, 1937.

(A) Return showing the work of the Dispensary (or Dispensaries).

Diagnosis.	Pulmonary.				Non-Pulmonary				Total.				Grand Total
	Adults		Children		Adults		Children		Adults		Children		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
A. — New Cases examined during the year (excluding contacts) :—													
(a) Definitely tuberculous	17	13	1	1	4	2	2	2	21	15	3	3	42
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	8	—	1	13
(c) Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	2	1	10
B.—Contacts examined during the year :—													
(a) Definitely tuberculous	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3
(c) Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	43	36	89
C. — Cases written off the Dispensary Register as													
(a) Recovered	7	5	1	—	2	3	—	1	9	8	1	1	19
(b) Non-tuberculous (including any such cases previously diagnosed and entered on the Dispensary Register as tuberculous)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	9	53	47	114
D. — Number of Cases on Dispensary Register on December 31st :—													
(a) Definitely tuberculous	75	59	16	13	26	21	13	15	101	80	29	28	238
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	8	6	4	23

1. Number of cases on Dispensary Register on January 1st, 1933	260	2. Number of cases transferred from other areas and cases returned after discharge under Head 3 in previous years	9
3. Number of cases transferred to other areas and cases not desiring further assistance under the scheme and cases "lost sight of"	11	4. Cases written off during the year as dead (all causes)	22
5. Number of attendances at the Dispensary (including Contacts)	247	6. Number of Insured Persons under Domicilary Treatment on the 31st December	49
7. Number of consultations with medical practitioners :—		8. Number of visits by Tuberculosis Officers to Homes (including personal consultations)	79
(a) Personal	17	10. Number of	
(b) Other.....	19	(a) Specimens of sputum, etc., examined	58
9. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to Homes for Dispensary purposes	471	(b) X-ray examination made in connection with Dispensary work	117
11. Number of "Recovered" cases restored to Dispensary Register, and included in A (a) and B (b) above	2	12. Number of "T.B. plus" cases on Dispensary Register on 31st Dec.	56

(B) Number of Dispensaries for the treatment of Tuberculosis (excluding centres used only for special forms of treatment).

Provided by the { Council ..... 2 / Joint Committee } Provided by Voluntary Bodies ..... —

(C) Return showing the extent of Residential Treatment and Observation during the year in Institutions (other than Poor Law Institutions) approved for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

		In Institutions on Jan. 1 (1)	Admitted during the year. (2)	Discharged during the year. (3)	Died in the Institutions. (4)	In Institutions on Dec. 31. (5)
Number of doubtfully tuberculous cases admitted to observation	Adult males	—	—	—	—	—
	Adult females	1	1	1	—	1
	Children	2	8	5	—	5
	TOTAL	3	9	6	—	6
Number of patients suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis	Adult males	16	15	8	4	19
	Adult females	8	6	6	2	6
	Children	—	1	1	—	—
	TOTAL	24	22	15	6	25
Number of patients suffering from non-pulmonary tuberculosis	Adult males	1	—	—	—	1
	Adult females	2	2	4	—	—
	Children	4	3	2	—	5
	TOTAL	7	5	6	—	6
GRAND TOTAL		34	36	27	6	37

(D) Return showing the extent of Residential Treatment provided during the year in Poor Law Institutions for persons chargeable to the Council.

		In Institutions on Jan. 1	Admitted during the year.	Discharged during the year	Died in the Institutions.	In Institutions on Dec. 31.
Number of patients suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis admitted for treatment	Adult males	—	2	2	—	—
	Adult females	—	1	1	—	—
	Children	—	—	—	—	—
	TOTAL	—	3	3	—	—
Number of patients suffering from non-pulmonary tuberculosis admitted for treatment	Adult males	—	—	—	—	—
	Adult females	—	—	—	—	—
	Children	—	—	—	—	—
	TOTAL	—	—	—	—	—
GRAND TOTAL		—	3	3	—	—

(E) Return showing the results of observation of doubtfully tuberculous cases discharged during the year from Institutions approved for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Diagnosis on discharge from observation.	FOR PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.						FOR NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.						TOTALS		
	Stay under 4 weeks.			Stay over 4 weeks.			Stay under 4 weeks.			Stay over 4 weeks.					
	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch
Tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	5
Doubtful	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	5

County Council of Hunts.

TABLE III.

(F) Return showing the immediate results of treatment of definitely tuberculous patients discharged during the year from Institutions approved for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Classification on admission to the Institution	Condition at time of discharge	Duration of Residential Treatment in the Institution															Grand Total
		Under 3 months			3—6 months.			6—12 months.			More than 12 months.			Totals.			
		M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	
Class T.B. minus	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	4	1	5
	Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Class T.B plus Group 1	Quiescent	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	Not quiescent	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
	Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Class T.B. plus Group 2	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Not quiescent	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	1	—	3
	Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Class T.B. plus Group 3	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	4
	Died in Institutions	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	3	2	—	5
TOTALS (pulmonary		2	1	—	1	2	—	3	1	1	5	4	—	11	8	1	20
Bones and Joints	Quiescent	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	3
	Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Abdominal	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Organs	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peripheral Glands	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
	Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS (non pulmonary)		—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	3	2	5